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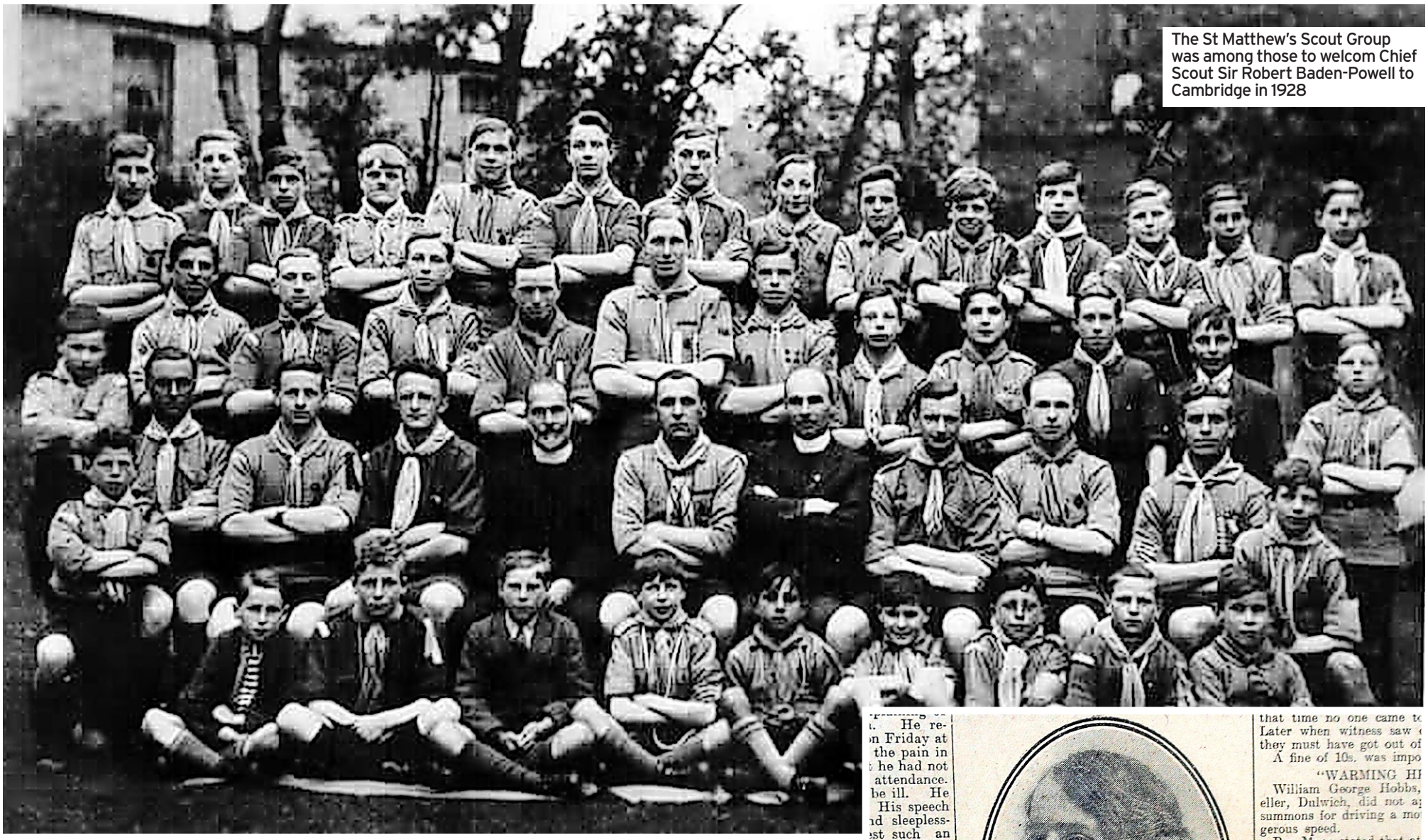


The St Matthew's Scout Group was among those to welcom Chief Scout Sir Robert Baden-Powell to Cambridge in 1928

Scholar's dilemma living as honorary crocodile – 1932

DR Alfred Haddon, 77, lives in a quiet house in Cambridge. He is a scholar of world renown, and a crocodile.

He was so honoured by a chief on Warrior Island in the Torres Straits where natives believed in totems and sacred animals.

He is forbidden ever to marry a crocodile girl, nor to kill or eat one.

"I'm willing to keep my part of the bargain but am worried whether other crocodiles know they ought not to eat me", he says.

A speedy getaway from marriage proposal – 1932

MISS Agatha Carroll, an actress, tells how, after performing at Cambridge, she received an invitation to go to a dance from a man she had known for years.

Two young men called for her with a fast motor car which sped north at 60 miles an hour towards Gretna Green, where one intended to propose marriage in the famous smithy.

After protesting again and again, the driver finally turned round and returned her to Cambridge at five in the morning.

She has received no explanation of the affair.

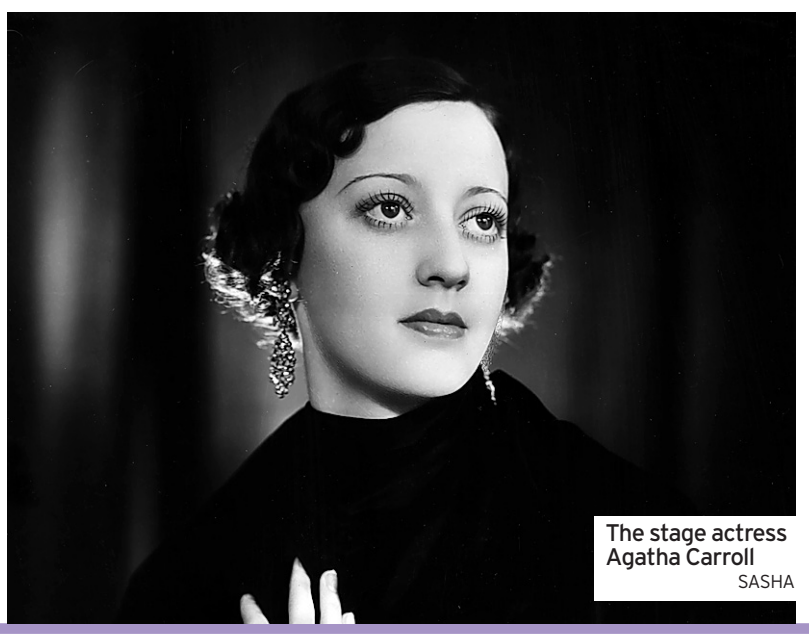
Chief Scout welcomed at rally – 1928

OVER 1,000 Scouts raised their voices in a Zulu chorus when their chief, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, attended their mammoth rally at Cambridge Guildhall.

They packed the hall nearly to the point of solidity including Sea Scouts and University Rovers and some 600 Wolf Cubs.

The Chief Scout was accompanied by Dr Eastman, the Great Chief of the Sioux Indians, who is commissioner of the Scouts of America.

He wore complete Redskin garb with the traditional head-dress of eagles' feathers. The scouts were very interested in his tomahawk.



The stage actress Agatha Carroll
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New librarian appointed – 1926

MISS Alison Philip of Edinburgh has been appointed to librarian of the Isle of Ely county library.

There were 49 applicants for the post and four of the candidates were interviewed.

Miss Philip impressed the committee very favourable and she presented excellent testimonials.

One wrote: "As the daughter of a country parish minister, she gained an intimate knowledge of village life and, besides taking over a school in an emergency for over a year, she established a village library which now has over 1000 volumes.

"Her tastes are literary, and she is extremely well read. On the grounds of business ability and knowledge of village life and of books, and of very fine character, I recommend her for the post."

Miss Philip was educated at the George Watson College. She went for a year to Brussels, and has since travelled for a short time in India and Canada.

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Alison Philip was appointed as librarian for the Isle of Ely in 1926

The use of eaves rings – 1908

SIR, Old houses in Bene't Street have rings under their eaves which are said to enable the roof to be pulled off in event of fire.

But, a few years ago, I saw a bulky piece of furniture being drawn up to the second floor of one such property and taken in through the window.

I noticed the ropes were passing through these rings under the eaves. It is obvious that to take a piano or large chest of drawers up the narrow winding staircases would be an impossibility so they were a wise provision.

R. Cleaver, Chesterton